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FOR LEBANON

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¶1. We delivered reftel demarche on October 4 to MFA Middle East and North Africa Department First Secretary Timur Zabirov. Zabirov expressed GOR support for the Tribunal mission, although he could not specify the level of GOR funding. Zabirov warned against the use of the Tribunal as a means to a political agenda. While supporting the investigation of former Lebanese PM Hariri's assassination, the GOR opposes implicating Syria without clear evidence.

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